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VETERANS EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

Senate & assembly versions of bill circulated for support this week

MADISON—Today State Senator Howard Marklein (R-Spring Green) and State Representative Scott Allen (R-Waukesha) introduced the Wisconsin Veterans Employment Initiative.

“There are more than 400,000 veterans living in Wisconsin. Wisconsin should be a leader in welcoming home military veterans. The State of Wisconsin should be an example to employers and aggressively seek to hire veterans into its workforce, which is why I am proud to author the Wisconsin Veterans Employment Initiative,” Allen said.

In June of 2014, Governor Walker issued Executive Order #137 relating to the Wisconsin Veterans Employment Initiative. The Wisconsin Veterans Employment Initiative has a goal of increasing the number of veterans holding permanent state government positions.

The bill creates a Council on Veterans Employment, which advises and assists the governor and state agencies with recruitment and employment of veterans. This would also include veterans with a service-connected disability. The initiative requires state agencies to lay out a plan to recruit and retain more veterans in state government based on goals in each specific agency.

“I believe Wisconsin has done a great job of providing opportunities for our veterans returning home. However, the Wisconsin Veterans Employment Initiative is another great step toward ensuring those veterans that return to our state after serving our country have the opportunities they need to succeed,” Marklein said.

LRB 0926 and LRB 2815 will be circulated for legislative support this week. They await a public hearing and executive session before a full floor vote.

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